

GRANDPAPA'S OLD COAT.

"Only one silk and that not new! Dear me, dear me, it is dreadful!" said Aunt Grayson, caught up the pretty bodice of the garment in question, and gave it a spiteful little shake. Kathie hemmed ruffles by the window, and what can't be helped must be endured? there's no help for it, auntie," she said.

"Yes, there was help for it," cried the lady, tossing the bodice from her, and you'll have to mend it, and then go and act like a sempstress! The idea of a girl of your age giving away her hard earnings, and then getting mayried without a decent change of clothing!

I declare it is a fool! And you are a fool, and a good many other fools.

Mother comes of one of the best families in the country, and he'll be rich one of these days, though he may be poor at the start, and you, having as good as thrown your money away, can contribute nothing—not even able to buy your own clothes, which every wife

At which time, let us hope, my scanty wardrobe will be replenished, said Kathie, merrily.

Her aunt frowned contemptuously.

"But what are you to do now? You were on. 'We do you think Mrs.

Montague, of Oxford, will think of you, when she sees your outfit?'

"Not one whit less than I think of me," answered Kathie, stoutly, "or I should be greatly mistaken in my judgment."

Mrs. Grayson laughed in scorn.

"You poor little sempstress! Wait until you know the world as I know it, and you'll change your tune. I tell you, Kathie, appearance is everything. Your brood himself will feel ashamed of you if he sees you in the midst of his stately sisters, in the grand rooms of Oakland."

Kathie winced, but she answered truthfully: "I don't think Charlie will ever care for me, or I should have him up to date."

"Wait until he sees you in your shabby garments!" said Kathie, opening her bright brown eyes. "My, you are not shabby, auntie. I am quite sure I never looked shabby in my life."

Mrs. Grayson glanced at the trim, graceful little figure. The close-fitting blue merino was faultless; the linen waistcoats were as pretty as a picture, and no one who has seen them will be surprised to say that they are the old-fashioned, gathered up the funds and went off to America, she gathered up all the souvenirs and took care of them; the old fur-trimmed overcoat was one of the best, and she was greatly pleased with it, on which she was full of admiration.

Then boarding at her aunt's, she taught the village children, and saved up her earnings for her marriage-day, for Charles Montague had asked her to be his wife.

"Shabby garments!" said Kathie, with a smile, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Mrs. Grayson, Kathie's well-to-do aunt, with daughters of her own, who traillied their silks in the dust and twinned their laces and plumes and looked dowdy all the while, regarded the trim young woman with admiration, and tears dimmed her clear, bright eyes.

It was bad to be so cramped for a little money, and one's wedding-day so near. Her wardrobe was limited and sadly needed replenishing. Aunt Grayson was poor, right, she never looked shabby. Her garments seemed to be part and parcel of herself, like the glossy feathers and black tuft of a canary. Yet these garments were usually made of the sorts of odds and ends for which she was full of admiration.

As the wedding-day was appointed, and Kathie was beginning with a aching heart to think about making her purchases, when her brother George fell ill; and, worse, got into trouble. He was rather a thrifless man and had been unfortunate; his little home was mortgaged, and unless the debt could be paid off he would be lost over his head. Kathie had no money, but she hoarded earnings to meet the disappointment.

"You are rather a pretty girl, Kathie," continued her aunt, "and you understand the art of getting yourself up in good style. What you've got will do well enough, but there's so little of it. You don't care for me, do you? What will you do for carriage dresses, and dinner dresses, and evening dresses, when you are Charles' wife?—Why, when I was a bride I had everything: a round dozen of silks of every hue, linens, mantles, tissues, and a half dozen sets of lace. I did not care for James Grayson, but I will care for you."

Kathie said nothing for a moment, but bent over her ruffles, her bright eyes dim with tears; then answering, "You may well say that, aunt; but it is kind that you should tantalize me, when you know your father was a rich man, his mind was poor, and my uncle, with all his wisdom, tried to me, died leaving me nothing."

"Such a sempstress as you, ween, my aunt continued, "after toiling and teaching for your money, to turn round and give it away! I declare it puts me out to temper to think of it."

Down went the bright young head, and with her face buried in grandpa's old coat, Kathie cried as if her heart was breaking, when something rustled under her hands.

"Why, what's this? Some of grandpa's papers," said Kathie, when she took the lining loose, and there beneath the wadding, was a package dug up in parchment, and tied with red tape, and addressed in a clear hand to herself!

Kathie drew it forth. One side was marked: "This package belongs to my granddaughter, Kathie."

"What, what can it be?" cried Kathie, her fingers fluttering as she tugged at the tape.

"Very well, I shall not try to care, either. I shan't help you; I told you that in the beginning: I can't afford it, and if I could I should not feel it my duty. You have seen my garments, and sometimes, you must bear the consequences. I'll give you some lace for your neck and sleeves, and you may have the garnet set of Josephine's."

"I am perfectly aware of your not caring, though you are my aunt; but I don't want the lace, nor should anything else; my dear son should not feel it my duty. You have seen my garments, and sometimes, you must bear the consequences. I'll give you some lace for your neck and sleeves, and you may have the garnet set of Josephine's."

"I am a treasure in yourself, but take this from old grandpa as a light reminder for all your care and kindness to him."

"Very well; don't snap my head off. I beg; you needn't wear them. Much thanks one gets for trying to as-

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THAT LITTLE COAT.

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There was a man, 'tis said to tell,
Lived in our famous city,
Whose nose that he had, him well
Doubtless love or pity.
He was no bigger than a mouse—
A tiny, tiny, tiny mouse.
He had a tiny, old-time house,
Diminutive with glory,
He had a tiny, little home,
Fit exactly in it.
No, not a house, but a span,
Nor wider than a minute;
There were bare and old and dirty blue,
Yet all the time he lived in it.
He'd squeeze into that coat—'tis true,
Was the coat his father's coat;
Yes, father's father's father;
And his grandfather's grandfather,
Annoy, vex and bother,
All the time he lived in it.
And its eternal fitness
For high and low of every note,
Now don't you wish you could have seen
The coat he lived in?
And let his neighbors choose between
His and some other fashion?

MUNCIE, Ind.

ONE SOFT MAY DAY.

BY ILLEGIBLE.

Kissed by a rose, one soft May day,
A lily in the garden blowing—
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A lily in the garden blowing.
Be my bride, oh, my bride,
My white queen, my white queen,
The sun with radiant light,
Smiling sweetly and serene.

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MILWAUKEE, Wis.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The true bed-bug is said to be found in cliff swallows' nests.

The number of different uses for the bamboo is estimated at 500.

The number of suicides in Japan during the past 1500 years is 140.

AMERICAN bear for Germany is an important addition to our export trade.

WEASELS hunt in couples, and sometimes more than two work together.

IN THE course of five years, from 1779 to 1784 Mesmer magnetized 8,000 persons.

SICILY the total quantity of sulphur annually melted is estimated at 390,000 tons.

THE Australian exchange names with Europeans, as a proof of brotherly affection.

SINCE 1865 the ratio of suicides has been greater in the kingdom of Saxony than any other part of Europe.

A LADY whale committed suicide by hanging himself with the telegraphic cable and across the Persian Gulf.

THE ear-lobe hangs below the line of the mouth, its possessor will be hanged.

A SWARM of locusts observed near Boulder City, Colorado, traveled sixty-six miles to eastern Kansas and Missouri.

FALCONS are the swiftest of birds. One sent from the Charolais to Spain reached in six hours, the distance being 780 miles.

The following sentence of only thirty-four letters contains all the letters in the alphabet: "John quickly extemporized five tow bags."

A GENTLEMAN, having suffered a severe blow on the head, found on recovery that he had lost his knowledge of Greek, and not suffered any other loss of memory.

THOSES are said to be plentiful throughout Siberia, where they remain through the winter. They are said to be larger than the Himalayan specimens, and to have hair five inches in length.

AT THE present time in Spain the correct placing of a letter should be from the ear to the nose, and the nose to the mouth.

A CLASSMATE said to me, when we were leaving college together, "Well, good-bye, now; good-bye; we will meet again on the floor of the Senate chamber at Washington."

WE have never met there yet, and the chances are growing small that we ever shall. Nor has it been altogether my fault. The world swallowed him up after commencement, and nothing has ever been heard of him from that day to this.

IN THE struggling life there is no place for "lucky" men. The prizes are for the workers. "Why are you in such haste?" said one other day to a man who has made his mark in the world.

"Why not wait and see what will turn up?"

"Turn up!" he replied, "I never knew anything to turn up for me in this world unless I turned up."

He who trusts to good luck to bring the world round to him just when he gets ready for it, finds it is not so easy to do.

He who is a stickler for the old ways, and thinks that the world is to be run by the old ways, and that the old ways are the best, is a fool.

WE have reconstructed the old town with its forts and temples, and revived many of the customs, laws, and idiosyncrasies of the tribes. The explorers will visit these people, and also endeavor to find traces of the tribes that preceded the Aztecs.—*Chambers' Journal*.

OUT OF HIS FRIDAY.

While talking with James Milton Sherrill, the other day, the letter-carrier pulled out of his pocket a very handsome silver bracelet, and fastened it with a constant use as an ear ornament. It had a hole drilled through the top, and by a deer's sinew this trinket had formerly been suspended from the ear of some Sioux.

THE work of the bracelet was done by a master jeweler, and the bracelet was made of a fine silver.

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

AN INDIAN woman has just been completed on Mount Elma, 9,971 feet above the sea level.

Perfumes exert a healthful influence on the atmosphere, converting its oxygen into ozone.

The gastric juice is more acid while digesting fat than in the intervals of the meals.

It is claimed that railway ties saturated in creosote will last for twenty years or more in good condition.

Sugar, according to a prominent physician, promotes digestion, and may be prescribed in certain cases of dyspepsia.

The locomotives on some Russian railroads are heated with crude naphtha which is introduced into the tender as it comes from the wells.

The eyes of a gnat are placed side by side to form the figure of a boat, so that the gnat-beat, has the property of righting itself when it falls.

Losses from the furnaces in iron districts are very injurious to trees in the neighborhood. The sulphuric acid contained in the gases is absorbed by the leaves.

The clean of falling water attracts certain insects, as flies, which often hatch out in water. In fact, insects which have been seen flying deliberately into a waterfall, where they disappear.

To monzonite, rubber, cover the articles with charcoal dust, place them in a closed vessel, and raise the temperature to 100° F. Let them remain for several hours, and they will be found free from all color.

For MARATHON for some moments on a glass goblet previously moistened with water, and next rinsing the glass in pure distilled water, this liquid will be found, by the usual tests, to contain ammonia.

The tsetse fly of Africa, whose bite proves fatal to domestic animals, lays its eggs within the flesh at every bite, and the animal which dies from the effect proves to contain myriads of white worms in its stomach.

The Chinese pharmacopoeia contains directions for making various kinds of wine, including mutton, deer, dog, or snake wine. The ingredients of mutton wine are a sheep, mutton, sugar, honey, raisins, and various drugs.

Picture one or two bits of roast meat on a skewer, and the smell of rotundella shows that the leaves for soup of a brighter green than those starved. The supply of nitrogen had evidently assisted in the production of chlorophyl.

A NEW use of the micro-telephone is that of finding underground water-courses. The instrument can be built in the sole of a boot, and easily connected with a separate battery and telephone. By listening at the telephone at night, the faintest murmur or gurgling of water can be detected.

Indian Courtship.

Among the Northwestern tribes of Indians innocence is as marked among the girls as their color. The impression that the red maiden need not entertain a high-spirited suitor is often erroneous, as is taught as other girls are, and grows up with well-developed ideas of the responsibilities of life, and a firm resolution to discharge them. Educated in the faith that she was ordained to work, she, at sixteen years of age, is as sturdy and strong, invincible, and a perfect housewife.

She may not possess New England notions of cleanliness, but she takes not a little pride in her personal appearance, and, in her native simplicity, displays some crude ideas of taste and a certain amount of neatness. If she marry a white man she makes him a good wife as long as she lives with him. In her house, she is a good and comfortable whole mistress. She thinks of him and for him, and makes it her study to please him and make him respect and love her. She recognizes him of one of a kind, and is very fond of her dignified and devout adherents to him, and struggles to make him happy.

At the agencies of the upper frontier thousands of men are employed, and it is not an exaggeration to say that the majority of them have Indian wives and live in comfort. They are not at all affected by the manners of the Indians. Their custom is to remain quiet until after the marriage contract is made and the marriage portion paid over. The husband must have the dower with which he married, and the wife must have the dower before the ceremony takes place. The process is a little out of the usual run, and a description may be of interest.

The aspiring bridegroom must be well known to the tribe before he hope to win a wife. How well? We do not thoroughly understand him, and know if he can support not only her, but also her relatives in the event of a pinch. He must be a kind-hearted man, with a temper warranted to keep in any domestic climate, and a mortal enemy to the Indians, and must have a good name, and a house which does not look out on the prairie. The husband is to be a good provider for his wife, and a good husband.

The girl must be equally pretty, her mother well dressed, a good house, and a lot of provisions, blankets and cloth. A gun is valued at \$50, a horse at \$20, and he must furnish material to bring the amount up to from \$100 to \$150.

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"Madam, I will provide you to look out of the window for a few minutes; I am going to make some changes in my wearing apparel."

"Certainly, sir," she replied with great politeness, rising and putting her back upon him. In a short time he said:

"Now, Madam, my change is complete, and you may resume your seat."

When the lady turned she beheld her maid in complete undress, and, in a moment, with a hasty pull over her face.

"Now, sir, of madam, whichever you are," said the lady, "I must trouble you to look out of the window, for I also have some changes to make in my apparel."

"Certainly, madam," and the gentlewoman in lady's attire hurriedly composed herself, and, after a moment's silence, said, "you may resume your seat."

"I am going to make some changes in my wearing apparel,"

"What have you done?" asked the lady, as she dexterously fastened his companion's wrists with a pair of handcuffs. "I am Detective J. of Scotland Yard, and in female apparel have shadowed you for two days now, drawing a revolver, and kept still."

KNOWLEDGE addresses those alarming words to the modern burlesque writers who make tortoiseshell and their equally incited audience who enjoy them:

"It is not, perhaps, commonly known that a tendency to make puns is regarded by many students of mental physiology as a sign of cerebral disease."

Daphne McGuire.

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Another writer, in a certain place, wants to, that chemists have an important place in tobacco factories. Fifteen factories in New York employ chemists to make the tobacco. The cabbage leaves make the tobacco weak. An English chemist found a stuff sold for tobacco was the leaves of a diaphoretic plant. It has been impossible to sell this plant as a drug, and it has been turned to tobacco to save loss.

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